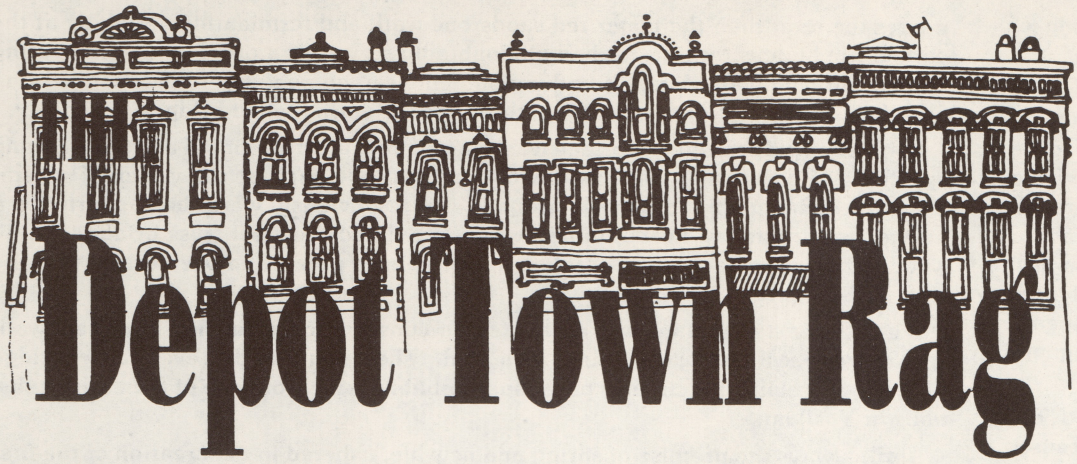

Depot Town Rag

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MAY 1984 MEETINGS
Merchants - May 10
Association - 7:30 May 17
Foundation - 8:00 May 24
...all in the Caboose

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NEON: IT'S A GAS!

Neon in the 1980's is experiencing a renaissance. Look around you. Nowhere is this truer than in Depot Town!

Did you know that neon is older than our little neighborhood? In fact, the history of neon is older than these United States. It began in 1683 when light was obtained from static electricity. Vacuum tube experiments with mercury vapors in 1709 and 1744 helped set the stage for the appearance of modern luminous tube lighting (neon) in 1856. However, it wasn't until 1915, when Frenchman, George Claude patented the long-lasting electrode, that it became commercially available. From France in 1923, he introduced neon to this country. Through the twenties and thirties this medium flourished here as a symbol of America's vitality.

Today neon is enjoying another surge of popularity for a variety of reasons. One great feature about neon is its long tube life, which, if unbroken, can be 100 years. Also adding to its appeal. luminous tubes are a flexible, colorful medium. It is available in almost any color and it is energy efficient. Not only does neon add to the interior and exterior ambience of our neighborhood, it is appealing to both pedestrians and motorists alike.

There are currently six Depot Town businesses sporting neon. The most affordable single piece hangs in the window at MILLER'S ICE CREAM. Sally and Rex Richie claim it was found in a barn! NORTH RIVER ANTIQUES and the DEPOT EXCHANGE also have inexpensive signs drawing the attention of folks passing by.

For neon afficianadoes, Depot Town offers three unique collections. FASTASEE LIGHTING, a company specializing in lighting techniques of every kind, has pieces on dislay in their show room. MILLER MOTORS, across

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(See Architect's Glossary on 3)

CBC/DTA JOINTLY SPONSOR "PAIR OF ACES" CASINO MAY 18, 19, 21

Ypsilanti's Freight House will be transformed into an elegant, old time gambling casino for the benefit of Ypsilanti's two most dynamic neighborhood organizations - the Central Business District and the Depot Town Association. CBC has promoted two highly successful gambling events already: the Riverboat Gambling Concession at last year's Heritage Fest and again with the Cider Mill Casino at Apple Harvest weekend in the fall. Both events gave great financial boosts to that organization's programs and promotion and now they have offered to co-sponsor another three-day event with DTA.

Hundreds of dealers, bartenders and cashiers will be necessary to help host the event and a dealer-training session will be held at AUBREE'S SECOND FLOOR on Thursday, May 17th. All volunteers are encouraged to wear black and white costumes and work at least one four-hour shift during the three-day session. DTA will supply the necessary licensing and bonding for the extravaganza while CBC brings a great share of the manpower and expertise

While April saw few major events in the neighborhood, the PAIR OF ACES CASINO get us right back on the track again. Perhaps CBC's skills can show us how to be a bit more profit oriented. We've never made much money. Maybe the combination of both organizations will change all that.

Let your DTA officers or Merchants Committee know of your willingness to help out for this unique project.

The Bridge Over the River Huron -

A Construction Report

by Denis Schmiedeke, Architect of the New Cross Street Bridge

I feel somewhat remiss in not having written sooner to inform your public about what's going on with the bridge. While "all may have eyes to see", many may be unaware of the interesting things that are occuring during the construction process - thus, this account for the Rag readers.

March activities were somewhat nostalgic, if we can feel nostalgia for times past not a part of our own personal experiences. March was the month of the great industrial archeological dig in Ypsilanti! The demolition of "our" old bridge (circa 1910) brought surprises to tech history buffs as well as to Greenfield Construction Company. The historical remains of no less than four bridges in Depot Town's past were uncovered, together with the usual implements of former citizens, such as bottles, shards (1), ceramic pipe, and the like. Of great interest were the remnants of the earlier bridges. On the west side of the river, three former road beds were exposed. When the west concrete vault (arch) of the 1910 bridge was razed, there appeared the red sandstone vertical abutment (2) wall of a bridge, circa 1860-1880. For a brief time we could admire its finely "dressed" corners and natural rusticated faces. At the base of this wall, a stone ledge of smaller, granite blocks was uncovered, extending some three feet

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the street, has an unusual sampling of Hudson Motors signs.

The most spectacular collection is undoubtedly at AUBREE'S SALOON. Both floors of the stately Oliver House have been graced with neon. "When we remodeled the second floor," Bill French told me, "I decided to use neon to add a little life and craziness to our elegant new interior. At first the interior designers were horrified! After we hung the neon, they came back and told us it looked good. We changed their minds."

Now the OLD TOWN RESTAURANT is expanding. Along with a liquor license, rumor has it we'll be seeing more neon there, as well. So, when enjoying Depot Town, enjoy the neon. It's a gas!

....INterstate correspondant: Bob Fox

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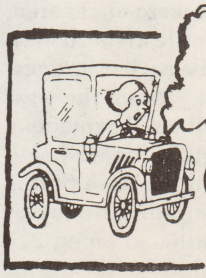
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nearer the river than the upper red sandstone wall, and terminating vertically at the springtime high water line. It had uindoubtedly served as a dry, foundation bearing springtime high water line. It had undoubtedly served as a dry, foundation bearing base for the 1858 steel trussed (3) arch bridge, or earlier wood bridges.

Soon after the present footbridge was constructed, a curious mind and a discerning eye could find the sawn off tops of wood pilings, one each at the vertex of several triangles defining spread pier (4) groups. These obviously were the supports for a bridge, constructed of heavy timber, which pre-dated the steel truss bridge. These wood pilings, circular in cross-section like telephone poles, had been driven into the river bed by gravity drop pile drivers.

When the east river bank was excavated for construction of the new abutment wall, spuare cross-sectioned wood pilings appeared. These suggested an even earlier bridge than the one built with circular piles, and probably came from one of the earliest saw mills in Ypsilanti.

April, always the promise of spring and new life, ushered in the creation of the first elements of the new bridge. The retaining and bearing wall of the east abutment was built in less than two weeks, while the cofferdam (5) for the east pier group was being power driven into place. Simultaneously, excavations for the west bank abutment were well underway. In Riverside Park, other tasks were being accomplished. The steel reinforcing armature for the east, triple-arched, pier cap was assembled on a colonade of free standing dollys (6), eventually to be lifted, swung into place, and welded to the cylindrical steel cages which will be the armature for the four columns comprising the east pier group.

All the concrete footings and wall structures of the new bridge rest atop steel H-piles driven to bed rock, or to a density of earth sufficient to prevent, by the frictional resistance of the soil itself, any future vertical movement of the piles. Some of these piles were driven on a slightly outward angle, similar to the splayed legs of a saw horse, to prevent any lateral movement or shift. Such precautions will challenge the forces of nature should earthquakes come to Ypsilanti, and thwart the erosion of time, awaiting the arrival of the 40th century over a thousand years from now!

When the steel forms for the east abutment were removed, deep vertical reveals (grooves) appeared in the wall every three feet. These will define the locations of the hugh, precast concrete box beams of the roadway and reflect the joints between On the splayed side walls of the abutment are more closely spaced reveals, designed to enrich the expanse of an otherwise plain concrete wall. The raised linear pattern formed by these reveals will allow a dynamic play of sun and shadow throughout the day across the surface of the side walls.

The construction of the foundation for the east pier group, beginning with the building of the cofferdam, has been of wide interest too. The noisy syncopation of the pile driver irresistably summons spectators, but the actual happenings aren't much to see. Only a day later are results noticeable. What is actually taking place is worthy of a few words. the corrugated sheet piling, driven into place, forms a watertight enclosure (the cofferdam), to be pumped dry and excavated. H-piles drived to bedrock inside its perimeter will support the huge footing to come. Before the actual footing is poured, however, a 12-inch thick slab, called a tremie, is poured wall-to-wall inside the cofferdam to seal the bottom from water leakage and to lock into place the tops of power driven H-piles. The large, structural footing, to be forever concealed below river bottom and stone cover, will begin to take shape around its steel cage armature and within the large steel box of its formwork. The cylindrical steel armature cages for the concrete columns of the pier group will then be positioned and enclosed in steel tubes into which concrete will be poured to give final form to the columns.

Of much interest to many bridge watchers has been the temporary causeway built out into the river to support the hugh tractor crane which performs so many tasks. Teamed with this piece of highly movable hardware has been a group of roving concrete cubes, each with an imbedded catch loop on top to permit them to be cast about, as pawns in some giant chess game, by the hinged arm of the great red crane. These cubes are used daily, here and there, to anchor, support, brace and stabilize piles, forms, and cat walks.

At river's edge, the most often asked question is, "Will the bridge be done in time for Heritage Festival?" It is about two weeks behind the schedule necessary to meet the deadline for substantial completion by July 31. The contractor has encountered surprises and delays with the discoveries of remnants of previous bridges, and a river swollen from springtime thaws and rain. He has a heavy incentive, however, to meet that deadline - a penalty of $600 per day for ever day beyond it.

Now is the time for the Rag to sponsor a gigantic betting pool on when the bridge will be finished. It could run for three months, promise several prizes (cash?), with the largest prize going to the DTA, the Rag, and/or to Heritage Festival.

RAG BAG

At the end of this month while shopping at THE DEPOT EXCHANGE be sure to notice their new Historical Marker. The marker given to Steve Gross and Linda French in recognition of renovation of their building at 54 E. Cross, will be awarded may 22nd at an honorary dinner at the Ladies Literary Club.

BIG BOB'S now offers the Antique Weekly - Tri State Trader for only 75¢. Make sure to stop in every Monday and pick up the latest copy. It featues coming auctions, antique shows, and interesting articles concerning antiques.

Spring is an excellent time to think ice cream! Stop by MILLER'S ICE CREAM PARLOR and enjoy one of their May Specials. Double Dips of Black Cherry for the price of a single (60¢) and ½ Gallons of Tin Roof are only $2.39. Bring Mom in for her favorite, a Hot Fudge Cream Puff, for Mother's Day only $1.29.

Make sure to check out AUBREE'S SECOND FLOOR special nights. Monday is "Open Mike" Night. Tursday Night is Game Night - Play their games or bring your own. Wednesday is Ladies' Night - drink specials, entertainment, no cover, Thursday is Courtesy Night no cover to bartenders and waitresses (You must present proof of employment). Refer to their May Calendar for unique presentations on Friday and Saturday Nights.

Mention the DEPOT TOWN RAG at any Depot Town Business and they will know that you read it!

For a camera eye view of Depot Town and greater Ypsilanti, Don't Forget to watch Good Afternoon Detroit, May 4th. at 4:00 on channel 7.

Spring Planting Time in the City

Seven concrete-bound, streetside planters await the efforts of their neighors to turn them into bounteous displays of floral beauty again this summer. Country kids may scoff at the tiny gardens in our block, but any who have labored over them in the past several years will concede that this is, indeed, gardening the hard way! Cleaning, prepping and preparing are probably as much fun as any garden, and weeding is shared by the many who use the planters as benches, but watering is the really difficult part in Depot Town.

Rather than putting the whole task on a few, why not ask your neighbors if they'll share the responsibilities with you this summer? Since the best time to water is in the evening, maybe the shopkeepers could plant them and the apartment-dwellers could maintain them? Holler up (or down) stairs and see if you can find a partner.

Professor Malarkey has Observed

that there are 3 types of people in Ypsilanti:

1. There are those who make progress happen in Depot Town.
2. There are those who watch progress happen in Depot Town.
3. And there are those who object to progress happening in Depot Town and it seems the latter have been members of the last City Council and perhaps have been replaced in the NEW City Council.

Hmmmmmm. Does he mean Dodd and McKeever?

A GLOSSARY OF TERMS

(1) shards: pieces of broken pottery

(2) abutment: a structure that supports the end of a bridge

(3) truss: a framework of wooden beams or metal bars, often arranged in triangles, to support a bridge

(4) pier: a supporting structure at the junction of connecting spans of a bridge

(5) cofferdam: a temporary watertight enclosure built in the water and pumped dry to expose the bottom so that construction, as of piers, may be undertaken

(6) dolly: a temporary support structure, fixed or movable, on which parts are assembled and/or transported

(7) pile: a heavy beam of timber, concrete or steel, driven into the earth as a foundation for a structure

Notice of Public Hearing

The Ypsilanti City Council will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 7, 1984, at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers located at 1 So. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

At that meeting, council will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request for an alley vacation of south half parallel to N. River Street, between E. Cross street and Maple Street of Lots 422, 423, 424, 425 and 431 (Z-84-004).

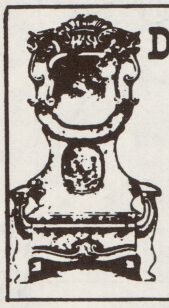
All interested persons are welcome to attend. Additional information may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 1 So. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Phone No. 483-1100.

Hi,

To draw customers to Depot Town I think it is a good idea for the street at the Bridge to be closed (to cars, etc) too. And the street used for ice skating in winter. And for special street sales in summer and if you can get parking to be in back of stores on both sides of street, then you could also cover the street with Good cement or such, and it be very smooth for roller skate by kids and adults on certain days and nights. That will mean no parking on Dead End Street. And have the Bridge be for WALKERS to the parks and to the stores. With things like that thru the year and benches or such for shoppers to sit on and eat at our doors, you'll get lots of business. I may only be here two more years, since I have not gotten the help I need to solve my personal problems here, but I will back you on the Bridge idea. I am looking to be a "Fruitatarian only" person, and some nuts too, maybe. But have to FIND people to sell the proper fruits, etc., I need for my health before I can change totally. Hope the Co-Op will do it. I also am a person who loves change, but I like to see things left as this Heritage does, too. Don't know if you can mix the old with the new or not, but I will try to help where possible after my health gets good enough to get involved.

M. Davis
318 Maple

P.S. And how about horses pulling sleighs or such at times?
P.P.S. With good paved street you could have skate shows, too.



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Minutes of previous meeting were o.k.

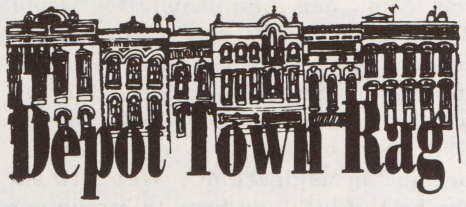
TREASURER: $2245.73 on hand, $485.75 General Account, $141.75 Rag Account, $1470.00 Jazz Account, $148.99 Steam Train account.

GAMBLING: "Pair of Aces Casino" is scheduled for May 18, 19, 21 co-sponsored by CBC and DTA. Committees meet at Aubree's at 6:00 p.m. on April 26th. DTA will supply licenses and bonding.

EASTER SATURDAY: CBC and DTA will again co-sponsor pre-Easter games and activities for children in Riverside Park. DTA will pay for magcian, donate eggs, spoons, Bunny Costume - wearer. Thanks to Mike Kabat for again donating the beautiful costume.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL: Negotiations still underway with Jazz Committee (DTA/WEMU). Festival Committee will pay for tent but still demands 10% of gross. If we can't offer jazz should we still have a beer tent? Committee will decide. NET GAMBLING PROFITS WILL GO TO THE GENERAL FUND TO UNDERWRIGHT ANY JAZZ COMPETITION SHORTFALL. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND MY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

- Antique Auto Show flyers are ready.
- Fashion Show is planned by Tommy Kornilakis and Linda Williams. Must be cordinated with others to get on the program.
- AMTRAK may still be able to bring a coach for walk-on tours.
- Freight House activities will include Old Time Cinema, Player Piano Concerts, Quilt Show (sale?) and other such a activities as post card show, collectables and more.



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CITY HALL BUDGET: Councilmember Greg Dodd reported the inclusion of the Council's budget committee of much improved backing for the Farmers' Market: building repairs, more hours for the managers, expanded promotional budget.

INCORPORATION: State Department of Commerce require four more names on the DTA's articles of Incorporation. President Richie appointed Past Presidents McKeever, Shankwiler, and French dents McKeeer, Shankwiler, and French, as well as past-vice president Gross. All in attendance concurred.

WASHTENAW COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS will meet in the Freight House Coffee Shop on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30. Host groups will include DTA, the Ypsilanti Players, the Ypsilanti Area Dancers and other local arts organizations. All are wilcome to attend.

MERCHANTS did not meet in April.

LOCATOR SIGNS are about to be finished and put up by the City.

VICE PRESIDENT must be replaced due to John Waite's absence. Interesteds should inform Rex Richie. He will appoint a replacement at the May meeting.

HOJO DIRECTORY will soon be in place due to the on-site inspect by Fetters and McKeever and the $260.00 paid by DTA "SHOP AND VISIT YPSILANTI'S HISTORIC DEPOT TOWN" will accompany a grey-list of unique services in the block. An electric button highlights the district on a large overhead map.

MARKET BILLBOARD will be erected in the Freight House directing traffic to the block. Merchants should bring their information for inclusion to their next meeting...May 10.

WALK FOR MANKIND will see Gary McKeever walking (running?) for Depot Town. Sponsors may sign the papers at Miller's Ice Cream Shop. Greg Dodd is walking for the CBC!

BEST YET AWARD to DTA and Depot Town Merchants officers for astuteness in conducting neighborhood business. (The merchants have a secretary and treasurer and seem to do just fine!!)

GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD to the Heritage Festival Committee for not wanting to deal with "all that jazz".

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EAST SIDE TOUR MAY 13th

Peckville, Oak Street, the Hutchinson Mansion, and the old-fashioned garden of Bill and Genie Knudstrup are all featured on this year's guided walking tour of Ypsilanti's Historic East Side.

Celebrating National Historic Preservation Week, the guided walk is Sunday, May 13, with small groups leaving every quarter-hour between 1:00 and 3:00 from the old passenger depot in Depot Town (N. River at E. Cross).

Peckville is one of the oldest areas in Ypsilanti, centered on the Peck farmstead which dates from 1827. Oak Street features a full range of nineteenth-century homes, including the Knudstrups' Greek Revival with its beautifully landscaped, 200-foot-deep backyard. The Hutchinson Mansion, now headquarters for High Scope Education research Foundation, was the turn-of-the-century home of Byron Shelley Hutchinson, founder of S&H Green Stamps. This beautiflly preserved, thirty-three room mansion set in park-like grounds is noted for ornate wood and plasterwork, stained glass, a porte-cochere, ballroom, conservatory, and a dining room modeled after the one in Kaiser Wilhelm's castle.

Specially trained guides will point out architectural styles and details on the walk, as well as features of city and neighborhood history, much of which is related to the railroad and the Huron River. Guides will also show tourgoers through the Knudstrups' garden and the Hutchinson Mansion.

The walk is sponsored by the Historic East Side Association, and it is free. For more information, call 484-3425.

LETTING OFF STEAM!

Dear Rag,

In response to "What kind of music..." i can enjoy any form of American folk or popular music so long as it is performed with some degree of professionalism and, above all, sincerity, warmth and respect for the audience. However I do believe that the Coffee Shop's ambience lends itself to more acoustic forms of country, blues, folk or jazz, than it does to large groups of musicians who depend on electric amplification for their instruments. The point I do feel quite strongly about is Ken Crofts's place in all of this. Ken has faithfully, in all types of weather and with no assurance of any monetary reward, provided the Coffee Shop with music that fits its atmosphere very agreeably. Ken plays with a good deal of professionalism, sincerity and a certain folksy sense of humor.

Let's face the fact, Ken has been the musician most responsible for the establishment of the Coffee Shop's Saturday tradition of live music. I believe Ken Croft should be officially recognized as "House Band" for the Market Coffee Shop! I do feel that having other musicians play the "Shop" is a good idea and could certainly enhance that musical tradition.

I do believe though that Ken should be given the option to coordinate and help plan the appearances of other musical acts should he want to. It seems this would only be fair in light of all the hours of pickin' and grinnin' Ken has provided the Market with over the past few years.

James J. Weber
21 S. Summit

DEPOT TOWN: A MOVING EXPERIENCE

There's a new step in the Depot Town Shuffle and it looks like a giant game of musical chairs (or stores). Maybe it's a form of commercial Leap Frog, but, one thing for sure, Depot Town is once again on the move. Recent months saw ROSEMARY'S CORNER and WHEN IN DOUBT merge and move into Rosemary's former abode under the non-do-business GRAND TRUNK LTD.

Then Ray Packer moved his twenty-year-old T.H.E.Co (Theraputic Health Equipment Company) from the south side of East Cross to the north side and changed the name of his other Depot Town enterprise to THE MARKET (The Health Emporium Market!)

Not too long before that VINTAGE PASSION moved from North River to East Cross and B&D PLUMBING switched from East Cross to North River. Then the YPSI FOOD CO-OP moved into Depot Town from Perrin Street to North River...only to be accompanied by NORTH RIVER ANTIQUES joining the line-up on that block.

AUBREE'S SALOON has moved up (stairs) and the OLD TOWN RESTAURANT is rapidly moving west with yet another expansion of their vacility.

With all these moved again made fresh in the mind, who among us can remember when DEPOT EXCHANGE moved from the north side of East Cross to their present location?

Yes, Depot Town is on the move, and the only sad thing about all this moving around is the loss of an old-time business: CITY RADIATOR. Wally March established his business in 1948 and is truly a craftsman, well respected in his field and a fine gentleman. Forunately for Depot Towners, he's only moved down River Street a few blocks past our boundaries into the old Secretary of State Building which was recently purchased by his son, Phil, who is Wally's partner and an accounting major at EMU. We wish them the best of luck and hope to extend our boundaries to include them again. Who knows? Maybe we'll move the whole district down there next.

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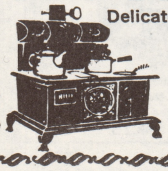
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- Shopping
- Entertainment
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- Old Cars
- Old Friends
- Farmers' Market

Special thanks to the merchants, Dodd and McKeever, Packer and Lawson. And to the City DPW crew.

STEAM TRAIN SOLD OUT

The May 6 Steam Train Trip to Bellevue, Ohio sold the first half of its 84 tickets with the March announcement in THE RAG. After the Ypsilanti Press made its announcement virtually all of the rest of the seats were sold in the next two days. Watch for the snapshots of this singular occasion. There is every possibility of adding another car to the excursion for the third event in 1985. Thanks to all the fun-seekers who supported this Rag-benefiting event.

BRING 'EM BACK SOON

Historical Museum's venerable Foster Fletcher sends a plea for anyone who has borrowed books or other materials to please return them to the collection.

Museum hours continue to show off that elegant and all-encompassing exhibition on Friday, Saturday and Sundays from two until four p.m.